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Montana Hunting Regulations

MOUNTAIN LION



- **Purchase Your Hunting and Fishing Licenses Online**

Mountain Lion License must be purchased by August 31, 2006

- **Apply for Special Permit Drawings Online**

Permit deadline: September 30, 2006

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These regulations and final quotas are adopted under the authority granted to the Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks Commission in Section 87-1-301, per MCA, and are valid March 1, 2006 through April 14, 2007. These regulations and quotas were adopted by the Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks Commission on March 2, 2006. M. Jeff Hagener, FWP Director.

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License Requirements

The following licenses, except the mountain lion trophy and special permits, are available at all Fish, Wildlife & Parks offices, FWP license providers throughout the state, and online at fwp.mt.gov or discoveringmontana.com. The following licenses, for the purpose of mountain lion hunting, chasing and/or resident hound training, are valid March 1, 2006 through the dates listed in these regulations and subject to quota closures.

LICENSE	REQUIREMENTS	COST
Conservation	Required Prerequisite	\$8 Resident \$10 Nonresident
Hunting Access Enhancement Fee	Annual fee charged at the time the hunter purchases his/her first hunting license.	\$2 Resident \$10 Nonresident
Mountain Lion	Available to resident and nonresident conservation license holders 12 years of age or older. Must be purchased or U.S. mail postmarked by August 31.	\$19 Resident \$320 Nonresident
Mountain Lion Trophy	Trophy fee required for license after mountain lion harvest.	\$50 Resident \$50 Nonresident
Resident Hound Training	Available to resident conservation license holders 12 years of age or older.	\$5 Resident Only
Special Permits	Applications must be postmarked by September 30.	\$5 Resident \$5 Nonresident

License Information – A hunter may purchase only one mountain lion license per year. Mountain lion trophy licenses are issued to hunters that have harvested a lion.

Resident Hound Training License (RHTL) – A Montana resident who is 12 years of age or older or who will turn 12 years old before or during the season for which the license is issued is entitled to use a dog or dogs to aid in pursuing mountain lions and/or bobcats during the training season per MCA 87-2-521.

- A person may not kill a mountain lion or bobcat with a RHTL.
- A person may purchase only one RHTL.
- A valid conservation license is required to purchase a RHTL.
- The RHTL is available at FWP website, all FWP offices and all FWP license providers.
- The RHTL is available for purchase through April 14, 2007.

Special Permits – Only special permits are available in Region 1 (100 series) and Region 2 (200 series) for the winter season.

Interstate Wildlife Violator Compact – Montana is a member of the Interstate Wildlife Violator Compact. Under the compact, member states recognize suspensions of hunting, fishing or trapping privileges. It is illegal for a violator whose privilege to hunt, fish or trap is suspended to obtain or attempt to obtain a license, tag or permit in a member state. For more information, call 406-444-2452.

Definitions

Legal Lion – Any lion not accompanied by kittens (young of the year). No lion with body spots shall be killed.

General Regulations

Hunter Education – All persons born after January 1, 1985, are required to provide proof of completion of a Montana Hunter Safety and Education Course or a hunter safety course in any other state or province prior to applying for or purchasing a hunting license.

Hunter Orange Requirement – Any person hunting or accompanying a hunter as an outfitter or guide must wear a minimum of 400 square inches of hunter orange (fluorescent) material above the waist visible at all times.

Check Stations – All hunters are required to stop as directed at all designated check stations on their way to and from hunting and fishing areas, even if they have no game or fish to be checked.

Bobcat and Lynx – Nonresidents may not take bobcats. Lynx are listed as a federally threatened species and there is no open season. It is a violation of both state and federal law to knowingly chase lynx with dogs.

Method of Taking – As a big game animal, mountain lions may only be taken by hunting (firearms or archery).

It is unlawful for anyone to hunt or attempt to hunt any game animal or game bird:

- from any self propelled (that is, motorized) or drawn vehicle;
- on, from, or across any public highway or the shoulder, berm, or barrow pit right-of-way of any public highway (the entire width between the boundary lines of every publicly maintained way when any part thereof is open to the use of the public for purposes of vehicular travel, per MCA 61-1-202) in the state of Montana; or
- by the aid or with the use of any set gun, jacklight, spotlight or other artificial light, trap, snare, salt lick, or bait per MCA 87-3-101. (Baiting shall mean the placing, exposing, depositing, distributing, or scattering of corn, wheat, or other grain or food sources so as to constitute a lure or attraction.)

Recorded or Electronic Devices - It is unlawful to use any recorded or electrically amplified bird or animal calls or sounds or imitations of bird or animal calls or sounds to assist in the hunting, taking, killing or capturing of any wildlife except predatory animals per MCA 87-3-108.

Two-way Communications – It is unlawful to use two-way communications to: 1) hunt big game animals as defined in MCA 87-2-101(8). "Hunt" means to "pursue, shoot, wound, kill, chase, lure, possess or capture." OR 2) avoid game checking stations, FWP enforcement personnel, or to facilitate unlawful activity. When hunting mountain lions or bobcats with dogs, this rule applies when hounds are placed on tracks in a district open to lion or bobcat harvest. The rule shall not be interpreted to prohibit the possession or use of two-way radios for safety or other legitimate purposes, nor does it prohibit the use of radio tracking equipment to locate hounds when hunting mountain lions or bobcats.

Night Vision Equipment - It is illegal to use night vision equipment or electronically enhanced light gathering optics for locating or hunting game animals.

Airplane Spotting - Aircraft may not be used to locate big game animals for the purpose of 1) hunting those animals within the same hunting day after a person has been airborne; or 2) providing information to another person for the purpose of hunting those animals within the same hunting day after being airborne. The same **hunting day** in this context is defined as between the earliest and latest legal hunting hours.

Hunting Hours – Authorized hunting hours for the taking of mountain lion begin one-half hour before sunrise to one-half hour after sunset each day of the hunting season. See official 2006 sunrise-sunset tables available at all FWP offices and license providers, for determining hunting hours .

Waste of Game – Mountain lion is excluded from being considered as “suitable for food” under big game regulations. A person that harvests a mountain lion must possess the head and hide, with evidence of sex naturally attached. The remaining carcass may be taken in possession or be left in the field.

Hunter Access

Private Land Access –

- Montana law requires hunters to have the permission of the landowner, lessee, or their agent before hunting on private property, regardless of whether the land is posted or not. Access courtesy cards and a map directory pamphlet are available at all FWP offices.
- Permission is required to release dogs or chase lions and bobcats on private land.

Public Land Access –

- Big game hunting between the ordinary high water marks of streams and rivers is illegal without landowner permission. Landowner permission must be obtained to hunt private lands adjacent to waterways.
- FWP is working cooperatively with other agencies to improve signing of legally accessible public lands wherever possible. A map directory pamphlet is available at all FWP offices.
- Enforcement of Area Closures on Public Land: All federally approved travel plans on public lands in Montana are hereby adopted by the Fish, Wildlife & Parks Commission. Motorized travel in restricted areas in violation of any current travel plan or land use plan is prohibited during the hunting season.

Railroad Access – Railroad right-of-ways are private property and may not be hunted without permission.

State School Trust Land – A conservation license allows hunters, anglers and trappers access to all legally accessible state lands.

- Motorized travel is only allowed on public roads or on designated roads.
- Designated roads signed as “open” to motorized vehicle use or the information as to which roads are designated as open is available from the DNRC Offices.
- Motorized use of other roads and trails and all off-road use is prohibited.

State Wildlife Management Areas (WMA) & – Wildlife Management Areas are generally open to hunting during the fall mountain lion season. All Wildlife Management Areas are closed to lion hunting during the winter mountain lion season, except that Fleecer and Mt. Haggin WMA's are open December 1-15, 2006.

Closed Lands – State Game Preserves, National Parks, and National Wildlife Refuges are closed to mountain lion hunting. For additional information on state and federal regulations, contact the local land manager.

Tribal Lands – Indian Reservations are limited to tribal members only for big game hunting unless otherwise provided for by the Tribal Government. Contact the respective Tribal Government office for additional information.

Export – A CITES permit is required in order to export mountain lion hides or parts out of the United States. Information on these permits and how to acquire them may be obtained from: Office of Management Authority, USFWS, 4401 N. Fairfax Drive, Room 432, Arlington VA 22203 or telephone 1-800-358-2104 or local USFWS office or agent.

If you are transporting game, furbearers or fish between Montana and Canada, whether for commercial or noncommercial purposes, you must complete a USFWS declaration form and inspection. Contact the Wildlife Inspector, U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, Office of Law Enforcement, Great Falls International Airport, 2800 Terminal Drive, Suite 105, Great Falls, MT 59404 or phone 406-453-5790 or fax 406-453-3657.

Mountain Lion Hunting Seasons

Fall Season Without Dogs – October 22 - November 26, 2006

- Resident and nonresident hunters with a valid mountain lion license may harvest a legal lion within the established season.
- Any either-sex legal mountain lion may be taken during the fall season. The fall lion season will close with the end of the general season or upon reaching 20 % of the quota established for the winter season, or when at least one lion is taken in those hunting districts with a quota of less than five lions. Use of dogs is prohibited during this season. The fall season harvest will be deducted from the winter season quota or subquota.
- Reporting requirements are listed under “Procedures to Follow Upon Harvesting a Mountain Lion”.
- Female lions with kittens may not be taken. If a lactating female with kittens is killed, the hunter is to inform an official of FWP as soon after the kill as possible, so that an attempt can be made to backtrack the lion and locate the kittens. No lion with body spots shall be killed.

Winter Season - December 1 - April 14, 2007

- Resident and nonresident hunters with a valid mountain lion license may use dogs to hunt and chase mountain lions within the established seasons, quotas or special permits.
 - Exception: hunting districts 150 & 151 are open September 15 - April 14.
- Female lions with kittens may not be taken. If a lactating female with kittens is killed, the lion shall be backtracked and the kittens captured and turned over to FWP within 24 hours. No lion with body spots shall be killed.
- Region 1 and Region 2 lion hunting is only by special permit. See quota, permit and drawing information in these regulations.
- In Region Two a portion of the Missoula Special Management Area - the Rattlesnake Area has special rules. These rules are available from FWP Missoula office by calling 406-542-5500.

Resident Hound Training Season - December 2 - April 14, 2007

- Resident hound training license holders may use dogs to chase mountain lions and bobcats.
- A person may not harvest a mountain lion or bobcat with a RHTL.
- In a portion of hunting district 292 (292-02), the hound training season dates are from January 1 to April 14.
- Lion chasing is open from one-half hour before sunrise to one-half hour after sunset.
- Bobcat chasing is open from one-half hour before sunrise to one-half hour after sunset in the hunting districts where the mountain lion season is open. Bobcat chasing is open from two hours before sunrise to one-half hour after sunset in the hunting districts where mountain lion season is closed.

Use of Dogs

- Dogs may be used to hunt or chase mountain lions during the winter season.
- Lion hunting and chasing is open one-half hour before sunrise to one-half hour after sunset for the dates listed by hunting district. Exceptions: hunting districts 150 & 151 are open to the use of dogs September 15 - April 14; portion of hunting district 292 (292-02) the hound training season is Jan. 1 - Apr. 14.
- Bobcat chasing is open from one-half hour before sunrise to one-half hour after sunset in the hunting districts where mountain lion season is open. Bobcat chasing is open from two hours before sunrise to one-half hour after sunset in the hunting districts where mountain lion season is closed.
- Nonresidents may not take bobcat.
- Permission is required to release dogs or chase lions on private land.
- It is prohibited for a dog owner or lion hunter to release dogs on a lion track, or allow dogs to chase a lion, or hold a lion at bay during any period of the day or year when the season is not open to hunting or chasing lions. Legitimate attempts to retrieve loose dogs after legal hunting hours does not constitute a violation of this rule.
- Persons handling dogs in the field are required to have purchased a mountain lion license if hunting or a resident hound training license if only training dogs.
- Outfitters and guides will be eligible to handle hounds with only a valid conservation license and a valid Montana outfitter or guide license in their possession. Guides will also be required to provide the license number of the outfitter on whose license they are guiding.
- A hunter that has purchased a valid mountain lion license may legally chase mountain lions with dogs during the winter season.

Harvest Limits and Quotas

Harvest Limits

- A hunter may take one legal mountain lion per license year.

Harvest Quotas

- Mountain lion quotas fill quickly in some hunting districts so hunters should check harvest closure information frequently.
- When the total quota is reached in a hunting district or hunting district group, the mountain lion season for that hunting district or hunting district group will close upon 24-hours notice to the harvest of all mountain lions, but no later than April 14.
- When the subquota is reached in a hunting district or hunting district group, the mountain lion season for that subquota in that hunting district or hunting district group will close upon 24-hours notice, but no later than April 14.
- The Fish, Wildlife & Parks Commission has authorized the department to initiate closure prior to reaching the total quota or subquota when conditions or circumstances indicate the total quota or subquota may be reached within the 24-hours closure notice period.

Harvest Closure Information

- Harvest information may be obtained:
 - by calling the FWP Headquarters in the administrative region where the hunting district is located during normal business hours **or**,
 - by calling 1-800-385-7826 for statewide information **or**,
 - by checking the FWP website at fwp.mt.gov available 24-hours a day.
- The toll-free line and FWP website are updated daily by 1 p.m. MST.

Procedures to Follow Upon Harvesting a Mountain Lion

- Immediately after killing a mountain lion, hunters must cut out the proper month and day of the kill from the appropriate license and attach it to the hide in a secure and visible manner.
- To properly validate a license, locate the appropriate month and day the animal was killed and completely cut away (notch out) the month and day designations. Removing more

than one month or one day designation invalidates the license.

- Evidence of sex must remain naturally intact on the hide.
- Personally report their lion kill within 12 hours by calling the Mountain Lion Reporting Number at 1-800-230-9865.
- Personally present the hide and skull within ten (10) days to an officer of FWP residing in the administrative region in which the license was filled, for the purpose of:
 - inspection and registration of kill.
 - verify evidence of sex.
 - removal of a tooth for aging purposes.
 - issuance and attachment of a hide tag. The hide tag must thereafter remain attached to the hide until tanned.
 - issuance of a trophy license, which costs \$50.00.
- Hunters unable to comply with the tagging and trophying requirements due to special or unique circumstances, must contact the administrative region in which the lion was killed and receive authority for tagging and trophying outside the region in which the animal was taken.
- It is unlawful for anyone to possess, ship, transport, sell or purchase any mountain lion, or part thereof, unless the animal has been tagged as prescribed.
- As a condition of hunting in Montana, a hunter harvesting a mountain lion must, if required by FWP, physically return to the kill site for inspection.

Lion Hunting Only By Special Permit

- Applicants must possess a current year conservation license and a valid mountain lion license.
- The deadline to apply for a special permit is September 30. If applying by mail, applications must be postmarked by the US Postal Service no later than September 30.
- Hunters may apply for a mountain lion special permit online at fwp.mt.gov or discoveringmontana.com OR over the counter at any FWP regional or area office no later than September 30, 2006. Hunters also have the option of applying by submitting their name, address, phone number, ALS number, and hunting district number along with a \$5 nonrefundable drawing fee. All applications must be postmarked no later than September 30, 2006. A special permit application may be downloaded from the FWP website or may be homemade.
- Send applications to Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks, License Section, PO Box 200701, Helena, MT 59620-0701.
- Hunters may apply for only one special permit to hunt mountain lions.
- Drawing results will be available the second week of October.
- Nonresidents are limited to no more than 10% of permits offered.
- The permit holder is allowed to hunt **ONLY** in the hunting districts or portion of the hunting districts for which the permit is valid.

Blackfoot Special Lion Permit Area - Apply Using 292-02

- The special permit is valid from January 1, 2007, through April 14, 2007, and is valid for all Blackfoot lion districts, which includes hunting districts 280, 281, 283*, 284, 290, 291, 292* and 293. *Except the Missoula Special Management Area.

Spanish Peaks Portion of HD 311 – Legal Description

Those portions of Gallatin County within the following described boundary: Beginning at the confluence of Cascade Creek and the Gallatin River, then southerly up the Gallatin River to its intersection with Dudley/Creek-West Fork Gallatin divide near Big Sky junction (U.S. Highway 191 and Route 64), then northwesterly up said divide to Wilson Peak, then northeasterly along the Dudley Creek-Hell Roaring Creek divide to trail 481, then easterly along said trail to Table Mountain, then northerly along the Lava Lake trail (trail numbers 445 and 77) to the mouth of Cascade Creek and the Gallatin River, the point of beginning.

Mountain Lion Hunting Individual District Regulations

General Statewide Seasons

Fall Season Without Dogs

Resident and nonresident hunters with a valid mountain lion license may harvest a legal lion within the established season. Use of dogs is prohibited during the fall season.

- Oct 22 - Nov 26 – Either Sex Legal Lion.

Winter Season

Resident and nonresident hunters with a valid mountain lion license may use dogs to hunt and chase lions within the established season and quotas or special permits.

- Dec 01 - Apr 14 – Any Legal Lion.

Hound Training Season

A person must be a Montana resident and be at least 12 years of age before or during the training season.

- Dec 02 - Apr 14 – Chase Only Lion.

Region 1 Winter Season Quotas & Special Regs

HD 100

Special Permit. Drawing only. Apply by September 30.
100-00: 20 permits.

- Dec 01 - Apr 14 – Any Legal Lion.

HD 101

Special Permit. Drawing only. Apply by September 30.
101-00: 7 permits.

- Dec 01 - Apr 14 – Any Legal Lion.

HD 102

Special Permit. Drawing only. Apply by September 30.
102-00: 10 permits.

- Dec 01 - Apr 14 – Any Legal Lion.

HD 103

Special Permit. Drawing only. Apply by September 30.
103-00: 10 permits.

- Dec 01 - Apr 14 – Any Legal Lion.

HD 104

Special Permit. Drawing only. Apply by September 30.
104-00: 10 permits.

- Dec 01 - Apr 14 – Any Legal Lion.

HD 109

Special Permit. Drawing only. Apply by September 30.
109-00: 6 permits.

- Dec 01 - Apr 14 – Any Legal Lion.

HD 110

Special Permit. Drawing only. Apply by September 30.
110-00: 11 permits.

- Dec 01 - Apr 14 – Any Legal Lion.

HD 120

Special Permit. Drawing only. Apply by September 30.
120-00: 7 permits.

- Dec 01 - Apr 14 – Any Legal Lion.

HD 121

Special Permit. Drawing only. Apply by September 30.
121-00: 24 permits.

- Dec 01 - Apr 14 – Any Legal Lion.

HD 122

Special Permit. Drawing only. Apply by September 30.
122-00: 6 permits.

- Dec 01 - Apr 14 – Any Legal Lion.

HD 123

Special Permit. Drawing only. Apply by September 30.
123-00: 6 permits.

- Dec 01 - Apr 14 – Any Legal Lion.

HD 124

Special Permit. Drawing only. Apply by September 30.
124-00: 4 permits.

- Dec 01 - Apr 14 – Any Legal Lion.

HD 130

Special Permit. Drawing only. Apply by September 30.
130-00: 10 permits.

- Dec 01 - Apr 14 – Any Legal Lion.

HD 132

Special Permit. Drawing only. Apply by September 30.
132-00: 8 permits.

- Dec 01 - Apr 14 – Any Legal Lion.

HD 140 & 141

Special Permit. Drawing only. Apply by September 30.
140-00: 10 permits.

- Dec 01 - Apr 14 – Any Legal Lion.

HD 150 & 151

The season in HDs 150 and 151 is Sep 15 - Apr 14, 2007.

Harvest Quota: 6 any legal lion.

HD 170

Harvest Quota: Unlimited any legal lion.

Region 2 Winter Season Quotas & Special Regs

HD 200 & 201

Special Permit. Drawing only. Apply by September 30.
200-00: 8 permits.

- Dec 01 - Apr 14 – Any Legal Lion.

Missoula Special Mgmt Area

Portions of HDs 201, 203, 204, 260, 283 and 292. MSMA maps available at Missoula FWP office.

Special Permit. Drawing only. Apply by September 30.
201-00: 30 permits.

- Dec 01 - Apr 14 – Any Legal Lion.

HD 202 & 203

Special Permit. Drawing only. Apply by September 30.
202-00: 14 permits.

- Dec 01 - Apr 14 – Any Legal Lion.

HD 204, 206 & 261

Special Permit. Drawing only. Apply by September 30.
204-00: 3 permits.

- Dec 01 - Apr 14 – Any Legal Lion.

HD 210

Special Permit. Drawing only. Apply by September 30.
210-00: 4 permits.

- Dec 01 - Apr 14 – Any Legal Lion.

HD 211 & 216

Special Permit. Drawing only. Apply by September 30.
211-00: 7 permits.

- Dec 01 - Apr 14 – Any Legal Lion.

HD 212 & 215

Special Permit. Drawing only. Apply by September 30.
212-00: 8 permits.

- Dec 01 - Apr 14 – Any Legal Lion.

HD 213 & 214

Special Permit. Drawing only. Apply by September 30.
213-00: 2 permits.

- Dec 01 - Apr 14 – Any Legal Lion.

HD 240

Special Permit. Drawing only. Apply by September 30.
240-00: 4 permits.

- Dec 01 - Apr 14 – Any Legal Lion.

HD 250

Special Permit. Drawing only. Apply by September 30.
250-00: 4 permits.

- Dec 01 - Apr 14 – Any Legal Lion.

HD 270

Special Permit. Drawing only. Apply by September 30.
270-00: 3 permits.

- Dec 01 - Apr 14 – Any Legal Lion.

HD 280, 281, 284 & 293

Special Permit. Drawing only. Apply by September 30.
280-00: 4 permits.

- Dec 01 - Apr 14 – Any Legal Lion.

HD 282

Closed.

———— HD 283 & 285 ————

Special Permit. Drawing only. Apply by September 30.

283-00: 4 permits.

- Dec 01 - Apr 14 — Any Legal Lion.

———— HD 290, 291 & western half of 292 ————

Special Permit. Drawing only. Apply by September 30.

290-00: 2 permits.

- Dec 01 - Apr 14 — Any Legal Lion.

———— Blackfoot Special Lion Permit Area (292-02) ————

Special Permit. Drawing only. Apply by September 30.

292-02: 2 permits. Blackfoot Special Lion Permit Area - Eastern half of HD 292 including Garnet Lion Study Area. Legal description available from Missoula FWP office.

- Jan 01 - Apr 14 — Legal Male Lion.

Region 3 Winter Season Quotas & Special Regs

———— HD 300, 302, 328 & 329 ————

Harvest Quota: 5 any legal lion. Female subquota = 3.

———— HD 301 ————

Harvest Quota: 6 any legal lion. Female subquota = 2.

———— HD 309 ————

Harvest Quota: Season Closed.

———— HD 310, 311, 360, 361 & 362 ————

Harvest Quota: 8 any legal lion. Female subquota = 1.

———— Spanish Peaks Portion of HD 311 ————

Refer to legal description page 5.

Harvest Quota: 7 any legal lion.

———— HD 312 & 393 ————

Harvest Quota: 8 any legal lion. Female subquota = 2.

———— HD 313 & 316 ————

Harvest Quota: 3 any legal lion. Female subquota = 0.

———— HD 314 ————

Harvest Quota: 4 any legal lion. Female subquota = 1.

———— HD 315 ————

Harvest Quota: 4 any legal lion. Female subquota = 2.

———— HD 317 ————

Harvest Quota: 4 any legal lion. Female subquota = 1.

———— HD 318 & 350 ————

Harvest Quota: 5 any legal lion. Female subquota = 1.

———— HD 319 & 341 ————

Lion hunting on Fleece and Mt. Haggin WMA's from Dec 1-15, 2006.

Harvest Quota: 4 any legal lion. Female subquota = 2.

———— HD 320 & 333 ————

Harvest Quota: 5 any legal lion. Female subquota = 1.

———— HD 321, 331 & 332 ————

Harvest Quota: 3 any legal lion. Female subquota = 2.

———— HD 322, 326 & 330 ————

Harvest Quota: 2 any legal lion. Female subquota = 1.

———— HD 232, 324, 325 & 327 ————

Harvest Quota: 6 any legal lion. Female subquota = 1.

———— HD 331 ————

Harvest Quota: 4 any legal lion. Female subquota = 3.

———— HD 335, 338, 339, & 343 ————

Harvest Quota: 7 any legal lion. Female subquota = 3.

———— HD 340 ————

Harvest Quota: 3 any legal lion. Female subquota = 1.

———— HD 370 & 380 ————

Harvest Quota: 6 any legal lion. Female subquota = 1.

———— HD 390, 391 & 392 ————

Harvest Quota: 7 any legal lion. Female subquota = 2.

Region 4 Winter Season Quotas & Special Regs

———— HD 400, 401, 403, 406, 415 & 441 ————

Harvest Quota: Female quota = 1. Male quota = 2.

———— HD 404, 421, 444 & 450 ————

Harvest Quota: Female quota = 7. Male quota = 4.

———— HD 405, 447 & 471 ————

Harvest Quota: Female quota = 2. Male quota = 2.

———— HD 410, 417, 419 & 426 ————

Harvest Quota: Female quota = 6. Male quota = 3.

———— HD 411 & 412 ————

Harvest Quota: Female quota = 8. Male quota = 5.

———— HD 413 & 432 ————

Harvest Quota: Female quota = 4. Male quota = 4.

———— HD 416, 446, 449, 452 & 454 ————

Harvest Quota: Female quota = 4. Male quota = 5.

———— HD 418, 420 & 448 ————

Harvest Quota: Female quota = 4. Male quota = 4.

———— HD 422, 423, 424, 425 & 442 ————

Harvest Quota: Female quota = 2. Male quota = 10.

———— HD 445 & 455 ————

Harvest Quota: Female quota = 8. Male quota = 6.

Region 5 Winter Season Quotas & Special Regs

———— HD 500 & 570 ————

Harvest Quota: 4 any legal lion.

———— HD 502 & 575 ————

Harvest Quota: 4 any legal lion.

———— HD 510 ————

Harvest Quota: 4 any legal lion. Female subquota = 2.

———— HD 511 ————

Harvest Quota: 4 any legal lion. Female subquota = 2.

———— HD 520 ————

Harvest Quota: 8 any legal lion. Female subquota = 4.

———— HD 530 & 590 ————

Harvest Quota: 5 any legal lion.

———— HD 540 ————

Harvest Quota: 4 any legal lion. Female subquota = 2.

———— HD 560 ————

Harvest Quota: 10 any legal lion. Female subquota = 5.

———— HD 580 ————

Harvest Quota: 6 any legal lion. Female subquota = 3.

Region 6 Winter Season Quotas & Special Regs

———— Region 6 except HD 680 & 690 ————

Harvest Quota: 3 any legal lion.

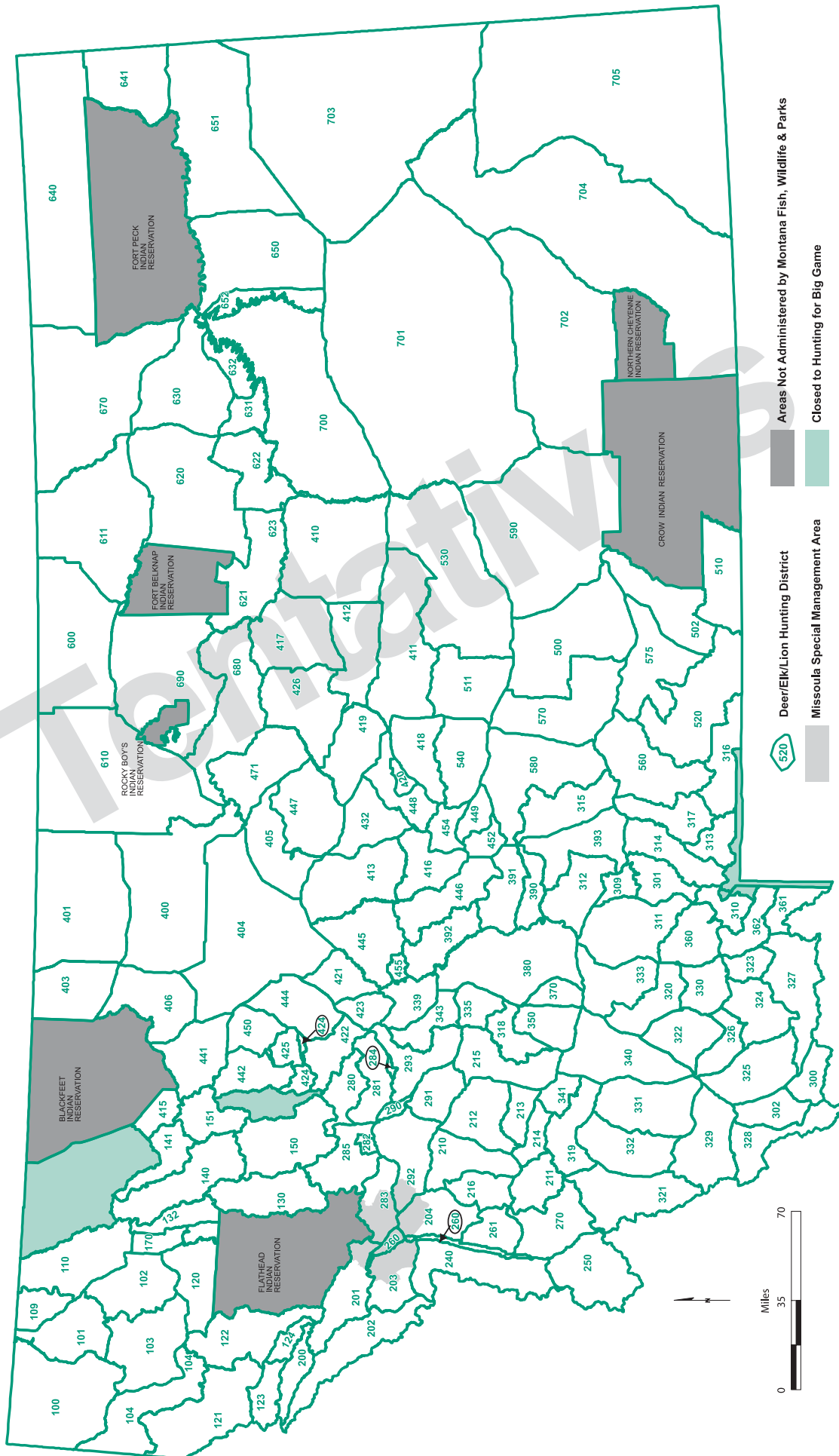
———— HD 680 & 690 ————

Harvest Quota: 8 any legal lion. Female subquota = 3.

Region 7 Winter Season Quotas & Special Regs

———— Region 7 ————

Harvest Quota: 20 any legal lion.



Map intended only as a guide. Please refer to the legal descriptions in the Deer/Elk hunting regulations or on the FWP website www.fwp.mt.gov for actual boundary description.

Circled numbers indicate districts with boundaries that may be difficult to locate on this reference map.

Contacts

Mountain Lion Harvest Reporting Number **1-800-230-9865**
 Current Mountain Lion Harvest Status –
 24 hours/day – 7/days/week **1-800-385-7826**
OR fwp.mt.gov

Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks State Headquarters

1420 East 6th Avenue, PO Box 200701,
 Helena, MT 59620-0701 **406-444-2535**

Hunter Education **406-444-3188**
 Wildlife Division **406-444-2612**
 Enforcement Division **406-444-2452**
 Parks Division (Montana State Parks) **406-444-3750**
 Deer, elk, antelope, moose, bighorn sheep,
 mountain goat, and all special drawings **406-444-2950**
 Resident and nonresident licensing for
 fishing, upland game birds, migratory birds,
 black bear, and mountain lion **406-444-2535**
 Nonresident mailing list for deer and
 elk big game combination licenses
 and regulations **406-444-2950**
 Telephone Device for the Deaf **406-444-1200**

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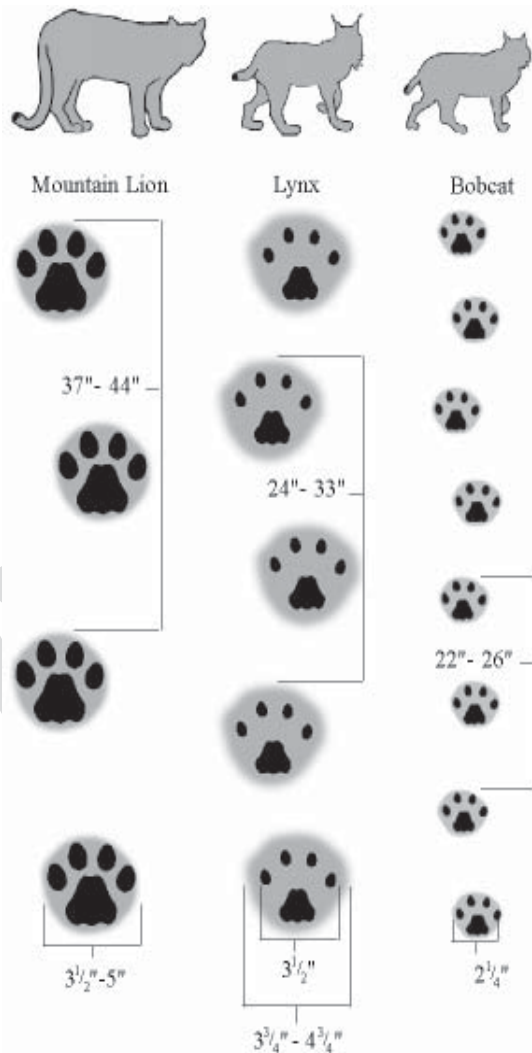
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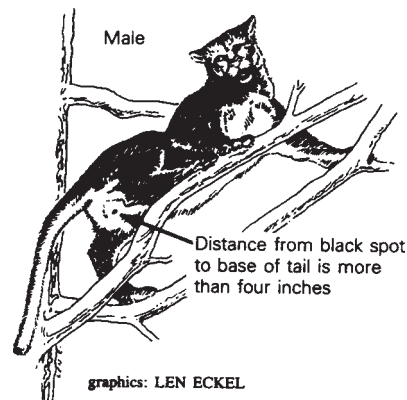
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Cat Identification



- Note differences in tail length of lion and black markings on tip of lynx and bobcat tail.
- Lynx ear tufts are longer than bobcat ear tufts.
- Lion and lynx foot sizes are similar; bobcat is much smaller.
- Tracks are shown with shaded area representing impression of hair in the snow.
- Note track size and stride length differences between species.

Sex Determination of Mountain Lion



graphics: LEN ECKEL

- Male adult and subadult lions have a conspicuous black spot of hair, about 1 inch diameter, surrounding the opening to the penis sheath behind the hind legs and about 4 to 5 inches below the anus.
- Female adult and subadult lions **do not** have the black spot.